Remarks

Claims 6-24 are present in this divisional application.

Claims 10, 12, 23 and 24 are currently amended.

Claims 1-11 and 13-24 were in condition for allowance.

Claim 12 is rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph for reasons of record.

The term "different modifications" of claim 12 is deleted.

Claims 9 and 10 were amended and claims 23 and 24 were added in a Preliminary Amendment mailed with the filing papers, for the purpose of eliminating multiple dependency. It is noted that original claims 9 and 10 were not properly separated into the four claims 9, 10, 23 and 24 with this Preliminary Amendment.

Claims 10, 23 and 24 are amended to repair these errors. The multiple dependency of original claims 9 and 10 are now properly separated into claims 9, 10, 23 and 24.

No new matter is added as a result of any of the present amendments.

The specification is amended to update the information for the parent.

As per a Pre-OG Notice dated January 31, 2003, Applicants are following a revised amendment format. The text of all claims under examination are presently submitted. Marked-up versions of the currently amended claims are submitted. No clean versions are submitted. Additions are shown with underlining and deletions are shown with strikethrough.

The Examiner is kindly requested to withdraw the present rejections.

Applicants submit that present claims 6-24 are now in condition for allowance and respectfully request that they be found allowable.

Information Disclosure Statement

Please find enclosed a copy of the EP search report. Also enclosed is the cited reference, U.S. Pat. No. 4,001,266.

The Examiner is kindly requested to indicate that is reference is considered by initialing Form PTO 1449.

Certificate under 37 CFR 1.97(e)(1)

I, the undersigned Agent, hereby certify that each item of information enclosed was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Statement.

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